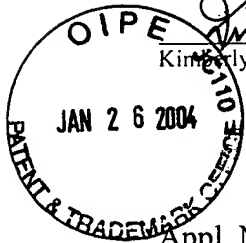


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In response to the Office Action of October 23, 2003, the shortened statutory period for
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follows:

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which beings on page 2 of this
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